

Application No. 10/824,804
Attorney Docket No. 20714-0033

D) AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

None.

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E) REMARKS

This is a Response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 12-14, 16-23, 25-27 and 29-34 will be pending in the Application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-11, 15, 24 and 28 without prejudice.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6-11, 13, 16-21, 24, 26 and 29-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gilkeson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,262,736) and rejected claims 2, 4, 5, 12, 14, 15, 25, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gilkeson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,262,736) as applied to claims 1, 11 and 24, and further in view of Toth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,729,390).

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11, 15, 24 and 28. Claims 1-11, 15, 24 and 28 are canceled, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 22, 23, 33 and 34 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 22, 23, 33 and 34 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12-14 and 16-21 have been amended to depend from independent claim 22, and claims 25-27 and 29-32 have been amended to depend from independent claim 33. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 12-14, 16-23, 25-27 and 29-34 are allowable, and request the objections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the outstanding objections, and allowance of claims 12-14, 16-23, 25-27 and 29-34 and issuance of the application. A timely and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

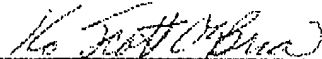
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

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